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Aruba's tourism is looming at levels above previous indicators



ORANJESTAD -- At Monday's weekly ministerial press conference, Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber focused on the tourism developments on Aruba. According to Oduber, during the first four months we have seen a 5.4% increase in the total amount of visitors to our island. This, he said is more than what we had envisioned for 2011. We had envisioned a 3% increase for the year.

Oduber informed that our tourism is not measured solely on the number of visitors, but it must also be a reflection of what the visitor spends on the island and what it represents for our hotels who are our principal partners and major employers.

In the hotel sector there has also been an increase. There's an almost 6% increase and more than 6% increase in the first 4 months of the ADR (average daily room rate) and in the RevPar (revenue per available room). These results take

us back to 2008, which was Aruba's best year before the global financial crisis. This indicates that we have surpassed our benchmark of 5%. The Minister has high hopes that this trend will continue.

Despite the positive figures, we have our challenges, according to Oduber. A tourism policy paper on airlift and the tourism product is in its final stages in the Minister's office, which will soon be completed and presented to Parliament, which will become the plan on which ATA will base its marketing.

Regarding the challenges, Oduber indicated that we need not only create demand for Aruba, but we must also have the necessary inventory, the rooms for the various markets. We must have the necessary airlift, airline seats to reach the destination; and to ensure that our product is one of top quality.

With respect to comparing Aruba with other destinations,

such as Curaçao, the Dominican Republic, Jamaica or Barbados, Oduber said that we cannot compare ourselves with these destinations as our competitors. Aruba is not intent on filling hotel rooms at 95% occupancy for 80 and 90 dollars offering cheap packages. Aruba has grown and has returned to the appropriate standard of hotel rates. This is an evidence of the kind of leadership we have practiced which has led us back to that level. We have no intention of getting into the war of our competitors in the pursuit of tourists of lower quality.

The minister emphasized that there is no intention of increasing the amount of rooms, which will be reflected in the policy paper with respect to the moratorium on hotel rooms.

The policy paper will outline where we want to go with our tourism. Oduber cited that one aspect to be expected from the policy paper is that we are intent on choosing for the so-called boutique hotels, although we have yet to decide which niche markets we want to explore. Boutique hotels will also have to be defined for us as there are so-called boutique hotels with 2 thousand rooms charging 70 dollars per night, while there are other boutique hotels with 40 rooms charging 400 dollars per night!

In the ensuing days we will provide more important information along these lines. Minister Oduber concluded his remarks with... "Aruba has to keep two steps ahead at all times and be the trend setter for our region."

Iceland volcano eruption all but over



KIRKJBAEJARKLAUSTUR, Iceland -- A cloud of ash is seen descending on the settlement of Vik near the Grimsvoetn volcano. (AFP PHOTO)

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AFP) - The eruption of Iceland's Grimsvoetn volcano has tailed off and its ash plume has almost disappeared, experts and officials said yesterday, refusing though to declare the flight-disrupting incident closed.

"The plume is very low, a couple of hundred meters," or 600-700 feet, Urdur Gunnarsdottir, a spokeswoman for the civil crisis management agency told AFP after a midday (1200 GMT) update.

The remaining plume appeared mainly to comprise steam, not ash, she said.

"It's much reduced, but there is still ... danger of occasional explosions or a puff coming up," she said, adding: "I don't think we want to pronounce it dead until it's dead."

Iceland's most active volcano, located at the heart of its biggest glacier, Vatnajökull, in the southeast, began erupting Saturday, spewing a column of smoke and ash as high as 20 kilometres (12 miles) into the air.

Icelandic authorities have stressed that a low-level eruption could continue for weeks and on Wednesday urged people to stay at a safe distance.

Schiphol flights not affected by ash cloud

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands -- As expected, there are high concentrations of ash in northern areas of Dutch airspace yesterday, but flights to and from Amsterdam's Schiphol airport were not disrupted.

Iceland's Grimsvötn volcano, which caused the ash cloud, stopped being active around 4am yesterday. Icelandic meteorologists say the ash has almost completely disappeared from the skies around Iceland.

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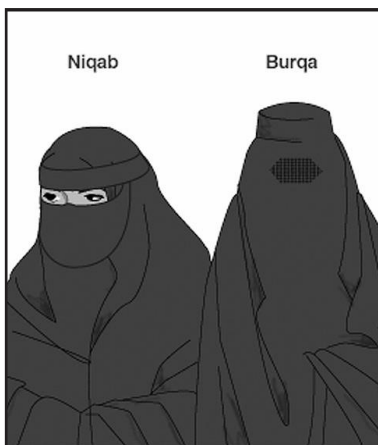
Belgium to ban the burqa soon

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - Belgium will soon become the second country in Europe to ban the burqa in public places, after the parliament approved legislation forbidding full veils, the bill's author said Wednesday.

The legislation quietly cleared the Senate last week after it was overwhelmingly approved by the lower chamber of deputies last month, when only one Green lawmaker voted against it and two abstained.

The new law will take effect 10 days after it is published in Belgium's official journal, in around one month. France became the first European country to ban the burqa on April 11.

The Belgian legislation, drafted by liberal lawmaker Daniel Bacquelaine, bans



all clothing that hides the face.

"It is a law that takes into account a fundamental prin-

ciple, the equality between men and women," Bacquelaine told AFP.

"Moreover, if we want an open society, the visibility of the face is essential. Humanity comes from one's face," he said.

Lawmakers first voted for the legislation in April 2010, but it was shelved after the government fell following legislative elections two months later.

Only a few hundred women in Belgium are believed to wear the burqa, a full body veil, or the niqab, which hides the face.

Venezuela condemns "imperial" U.S. sanctions

CARACAS, Venezuela - Venezuela's government condemned on Tuesday what it called "imperial" sanctions imposed by Washington on the South American nation's state oil company PDVSA.

"Sanctions against Bolivar's Fatherland? Imposed by the gringo imperialist government?" President Hugo Chavez said via his Twitter account, referring to the OPEC member nation's independence hero Simon Bolivar.

"Welcome, Mr. Obama! Don't forget we are Bolivar's children!"

A government statement echoed that language and condemned the sanctions but said Venezuela was still considering precisely what options it would take in response to the measure over the nation's ties with Iran.

"It's unacceptable," Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro told a news conference.

Energy Minister Rafael

Ramirez said the measure was an attempt to divide OPEC member countries, and Venezuela would continue to maintain relations with Iran and any other country it wanted to.

"This is a right we are not going to renounce," he told the same news conference.

Venezuela guarantees supplies to its U.S. subsidiaries but is studying the impact of the sanctions on its provision to other clients in the United States, Ramirez added.

The sanctions on PDVSA bar it from access to U.S. government contracts and import/export financing.

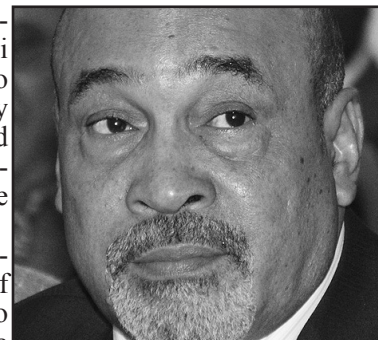
Their impact is likely to be modest, analysts say, as they do not affect the company's sale of oil to the United States and other global markets, or the activities of its U.S.-based CITGO subsidiary.

The OPEC member ships roughly 45 percent of its crude to the United States,

Suriname's Bouterse pays Cuba visit as his trial looms

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) - Suriname's President Desi Bouterse, an ex-dictator who remains on trial for summary executions in 1982, visited Cuba Wednesday to boost bilateral cooperation, state media reported.

Bouterse, 65, placed a floral wreath at the tomb of Cuban independence hero Jose Marti, official media said. There was no immediate word on when Bouterse might meet with President Raul Cas-



tro.

Reports in Paramaribo said the Surinamese president, who arrived Tuesday, might also undergo medical tests while in Cuba.

Elected president in July 2010 by his country's parliament, Bouterse came to power in a coup and ruled the former Dutch colony from 1980-1987. In 1991 he led another coup and briefly returned to power.

Bouterse remains on trial for the summary executions of 13 civilians and two military officials in December 1982. His trial is set to resume on June 8.

If convicted, Bouterse could face up to 20 years in prison.

He was sentenced in absentia to 11 years in jail in 1999 by the Dutch courts for smuggling 400 kilograms (880 pounds) of cocaine.

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In Aruba too: women in our advertisements! Part I

The practice of using female models in advertisement began in the early fifties, the days of alcohol advertisements and in the advertisements of adult entertainment. Soon after the idea caught on and many other product makers began using women in their advertisements. Today, the practice is almost a given that a woman should promote any given product. As a matter of fact, if you pay close attention, you will agree with me that using women in advertisements is now being exaggerated.

It seems that advertisers have run out of creative ways to advertise, and that they can't think of anything else but a beautiful model to promote all of their products. Women are being used today to sell practically anything and everything; from men's watches to shaving creams to underarm lotions to cigars to cars, etc. Most of the ads with women truly seem so unnecessary.

I agree with the so-called women right activists that women are being projected as merely objects by such advertisements. One thing is sure; these ads featuring beautiful



women are influencing consumers of all ages. Advertisers know the power of a beautiful model to the eyes of its viewers; both male and female eyes, mind you!First, you see a beautiful model posing in a seductive way followed by the introduction of the product or service of the company. Then, her beauty draws the customer's attention and gets him/her interested, so the company doesn't have to do much more to motivate the customer to consider a purchase.

What surprises me is that it would appear as though advertisers are oblivious of the drawbacks in using women in some advertisements. For example, it is totally irrelevant to feature a female model or an

actress in an ad promoting men products. A good example of this is an ad I see on TV from time to time showing a woman in an Axe Deodorant commercial. An other ad of this sort is one where they show a beautiful woman in the foreground of a luxury car and men looking at the "car" with longing eyes, but it turns out they were reaching instead for the woman when she rides off with the car. I see another real drawback here. Due to the heavy concentration on the female model, the attention deserved by the product is practically lost. The main focus of the advertisement is totally lost. When I first saw that ad, I asked myself, what were they actually promoting, the woman or the car?

What should concern us is that Aruba has jumped on the bandwagon and is also using more and more female models for its advertisements. This, obviously, is a freedom we all have and do respect.

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SETAR stands ready to serve Expo visitors



ORANJESTAD -- Friday 27 and Saturday 28 of May SETAR will be present as one of the exhibitors at the "Aruba Destination Innovation Expo 2011." This interesting expo is the brain child of and is organized by the Chamber of Commerce.

The objective of the Expo is to present local and international initiatives of new innovations taking place. The venue for the Expo is the Renaissance Convention Center.

In today's business world, the technology of information is a world wide investment. The customer measures expectation in the manner in which a company is able to handle their products and services. The consistency of the quality that SETAR offers attests to their expertise in

keeping abreast of the latest technology through a team of experts. SETAR makes every effort to have just the right persons in their employ so that they can consistently provide expert assistance with that personal touch.

On May 27 and 28 SETAR will exhibit its products and services and its new technologies. Some of their exhibit will include solutions for the PBX, Internet and Data, mobile solutions, and the development of the Web and Smart Cabling. On the 27th of May at 3:30 pm they will hold a special presentation for the first 50 visitors to the Expo regarding the future for businesses on cloud computing and a whole lot more. Entrance to the Expo is Afls.5 per person.

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You never know who, you might meet in Aruba...

Photo above shows Adam Steinfeld, and the lovely N.Y Jets Cheerleaders, girls in town this week to shoot the new, 2011 swimsuit beach Calendar

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My take on this is, simple: if done right, in good taste, with cleverness and not slothful as some I have seen are, and they can maintain decency and modesty, it can be effective and harmless.

On the other hand, let me hasten to say that advertisements are a convincing and motivating tool, which can leave a deep impact on the minds of viewers. Advertisements, believe it or not, play a major role in molding the culture and attitude of our people. Excessive and extensive por-

traying of women in all sorts of ads merely reduces the image of women to an object of passion and desire. The emphasis is laid only on the physical beauty of the woman like her features and body curves instead of on the product or service being promoted. And, there is more to this that I will share in next issue.

Next issue I will conclude my thoughts on this matter. For now, give me your feedback, if you will: at tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com. Thanks.

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Mexican women's biker club revs up to aid drug city



CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AFP) – Riding pink motorbikes, the female "Warriors" club races through the streets of Ciudad Juarez on a mission to help the poorest residents of Mexico's most deadly city.

By day, they are police officers, factory workers or housewives, but on Sundays the team of 10 women don black leathers, rev up their bikes and distribute food and medicine across the city shaken by violence and crime.

In recent years, economic and social tensions have worsened in the notorious city, across the border from El Paso, Texas. Empty houses, closed businesses and military patrols are now part of the landscape.

"During the week, we look out for people who might need help: single mothers or elderly people living alone. At the weekend, we do their shopping for them," said Lorenia Granados, president of the "Guerreras," or "Warriors."

"When we created our club, we wanted to do something different. We didn't want to get together and simply drink, like other bikers do. And we came up with this idea of helping people," Granados told AFP.

At the heart of the country's relentless drug violence, more than 8,100 people have died in suspected drug-related attacks in Ciudad Juarez since 2008.

Some 100,000 workers in low-cost factories known as

"maquiladoras" lost their jobs during the economic crisis, and around 150,000 families in the city of some 1.3 million could not afford basics such as food and medicine in 2010, according to the Solidarity Ministry.

The federal government launched a 3.3 billion peso (300 million dollar) plan called Todos Somos Juarez (We're All Juarez) over a year ago, aiming to reduce the city's social problems, but the situation has barely improved.

And private initiatives, such as the Guerreras set up two years ago, are rare.

The club has targeted single mothers because of their extreme vulnerability.

"The men leave home due to the violence or unemployment and leave the women alone, at home, with their children. They don't even know where to seek help," Granados said.

The Guerreras fill up their shopping carts with basic items like pasta, salt and diapers, spending between 120 and 160 pesos (10 and 15 dollars) from their own pockets, as they try to attract private donations.

The supplies are a welcome gift for Cecilia Carillo de Santiago, who lives with her six children and a skinny dog in one room which serves as a bedroom and kitchen in a dusty, quiet neighborhood.

Since finishing a contract with the Red Cross, she has been looking for another job for the past six months.

Carillo apologized for the stifling heat, pointing to a pan of peas boiling on the stove. "That's all that's left for dinner. You've come at a really good time," she said to one of the Guerreras, smiling broadly.

Isabel Lucero, a co-founder of the motorbike club, said it was an obvious choice to help some of the desperate people in Ciudad Juarez.

"Giving to someone in need helps your personal development and sets an example for children. I hope that one day these children will become good people, who will help others."

Local media call the women "female Robin Hoods", but they just see themselves as a different kind of motorbike club.

"We try to bring a bit of joy to those who have nothing. We want to bring some good news to Ciudad Juarez," Lucero said.

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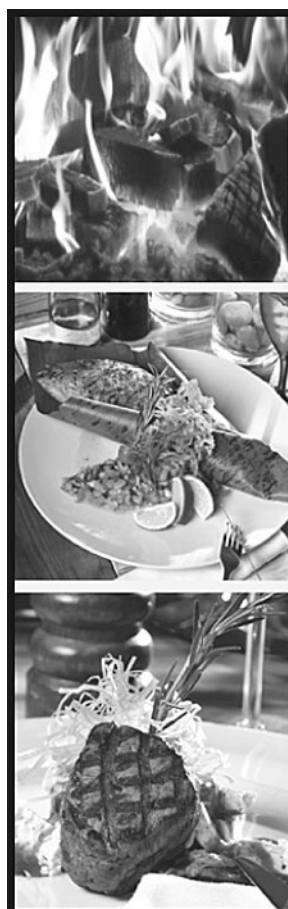
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Aruban Ph.D. candidate presents study on Conch



Young Aruban Ph.D. candidate, Adeljen Ho submitted a report of his study of the Conch population in Aruba to Minister Otmar Oduber and to the Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries - Santa Rosa. In the office of the Minister of Tourism where the presentation was made, Adjelien shared information of his work with Minister Oduber. There he presented the documentation of the study he conducted on the marine life of the legally protected species of the Conch.

Also present for the presentation were, Nathalie Maduro of the Santa Rosa Management Team, and Mr. Francisco Franken in charge of fisheries at the Centro di Pesca

Hadicurari. Since 2008, Mr. Franken has been guiding and accompanying Adjelien on his research explorations in Aruban sea waters.

Oduber expressed his interest in a balance in the protection of our marine life while at the same time being able to offer a quality product to our tourism market. The Minister is intent on Aruba having a so-called Marine Park, one that is well organized with a beach and a well managed park area. This, Oduber claims should offer benefits for nature as well as for our tourism economy. It is in this vein that Oduber believes that studies such as Adjelien's can be an important instrument towards making the

right decision for such a Park.

The need to protect our marine resources and the control of the Marine Park by Park Rangers is a matter Adjelien considers to be very important. Adjelien's research indicates that the Conch population, although relatively stable, is fragile and should never lose its legal protection status.

This week Santa Rosa will host a presentation of Adjelien's research at the Santa Rosa offices in Piedra Plat, where the public can learn more about this and of other research that LVV has conducted. This presentation will be tonight at 7:25 p.m. at Santa Rosa in Piedra Plat.

Beware!!! Love is in the air on Aruba!



Janelle Korba and Ross Coulman along with friend and family members had some pre-wedding fun on the Kukoo Kunuku party bus. Their night started with Champagne Congratulation toasts and dinner in the lovely gardens of Residencia Sylvia. Then they were off to paint the town red Kukoo Kunuku

style where the Kukoo Crew taught everyone some local motion and guests danced till the stroke of Midnight.

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US astronaut grapples with 'tears in space'

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A US astronaut Drew Feustel learned a valuable lesson about being teary-eyed on a spacewalk, NASA said Wednesday after the Endeavour crew's third jaunt outside the International Space Station.

"Tears in space don't run

down your face," he said, according to lead spacewalk officer Allison Bollinger who described the problem Feustel encountered when out on the spacewalk with astronaut Mike Fincke.

"They actually kind of conglomerate around your eyeball," Bollinger re-

counted.

The problem occurred after stepping out to work on repairs to the Russian side of the station, as Feustel discovered some of the anti-fog solution he had buffed on to the interior of his helmet was flaking off.

"We have seen this happen a couple of times in the past where if you are not careful about buffing the anti-fog just the right amount, that it can tend to flake off every once in a while and get in the crew member's eye," said Bollinger.

"The anti-fog is just off-the-shelf dishwashing soap. So if you have ever had soap in your eye, you know how that feels."

Feustel, who has completed several spacewalks since becoming an astronaut in 2000, was able to wiggle down far enough in his spacesuit to make use of a spongy device called a Valsalva that is typically used to block the nose in case a pressure readjustment is needed.

"He was able to rub his eye against the Valsalva device to get the tear free," Bollinger said.



Ahmed Obaid al-Mansuri (C), the director general of the Emirates Institution for Advanced Science & Technology (EIAST), is pictured with Amer al-Sayegh (R) and Omran Anwar Sharaf, both deputy chiefs of the institution's Space Programme Department, during a press conference held in Dubai on May 25, 2011 to reveal the final design details and specifications of its second satellite project, DubaiSat-2. In the media briefing, Emirati engineers working on the project shared with the press the details of DubaiSat-2, the UAE's second remote sensing satellite due to be launched into orbit by the end of 2012. AFP PHOTO

Indonesia's technology black market here to stay

JAKARTA (AFP) — Research in Motion's (RIM) PlayBook tablet is due to launch in Indonesia in August, news that should have set the country's legions of BlackBerry fans alight with anticipation.

Instead the announcement was met with an indifferent shrug -- PlayBooks have been available on the country's thriving technology black market for weeks.

Vicky, a vendor at Mall Ambassador in Jakarta, a bustling hub for all things electronic, had stocks of the PlayBook in April, even ahead of the product's global launch in New York.

"I'm not sure exactly where these are from. They come here on boats. We usually get stuff like this from Mexico or the US," she told AFP.

Analysts say the black market costs the government millions of dollars in unpaid consumption taxes, but it is happy to turn a blind eye to the illegal trade because telecommunications generate so much money in other ways.

"All those satellites and antennas you see on top of buildings, they are funded by the private sector. So the government is now sitting pretty

collecting bandwidth money," said Debnath Guharoy of Roy Morgan market research.

"They are issuing licences worth millions of dollars which costs them nothing, really. I don't think the black market is going away."

Capitalising on Indonesian technophiles who just cannot wait until August, Vicky jacked up the PlayBook's retail price to 9.75 million rupiah (\$975) compared to \$699 for the most expensive version in the United States.

But come August, PlayBooks will be selling at slashed prices alongside cut-rate smartphones, netbooks and cameras.

Suhanda Wijaya, of the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said it was impossible to control shipments of illegal products into a huge country of 17,000 islands.

It can be impossible to tell the difference between a smuggled product and an authorised one. The difference is only in the warranty card. An authorised product will have a manufacturer's warranty, while a smuggled one will have a distributor's warranty.

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Neurologists from US, Italy, Mexico win top Spanish prize



MADRID, Spain (AFP) – Scientists from the United States, Italy and Mexico, were on Wednesday awarded Spain's prestigious Prince of Asturias prize for their research into brain-related disorders.

Joseph Altman, Arturo Alvarez-Buylla and Giacomo Rizzolatti were named joint winners of the Prince of Asturias Prize for Technical and Scientific Research.

"These three scientists are considered worldwide leaders in neurology for having provided solid proof of the regeneration of neurons in adult brains (neurogenesis) and for the discovery of what are known as mirror neurons," the Prince of Asturias said in a

statement.

"Their research has opened up promising pathways to a new generation of treatments to fight neurodegenerative and brain-related disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease or Autism."

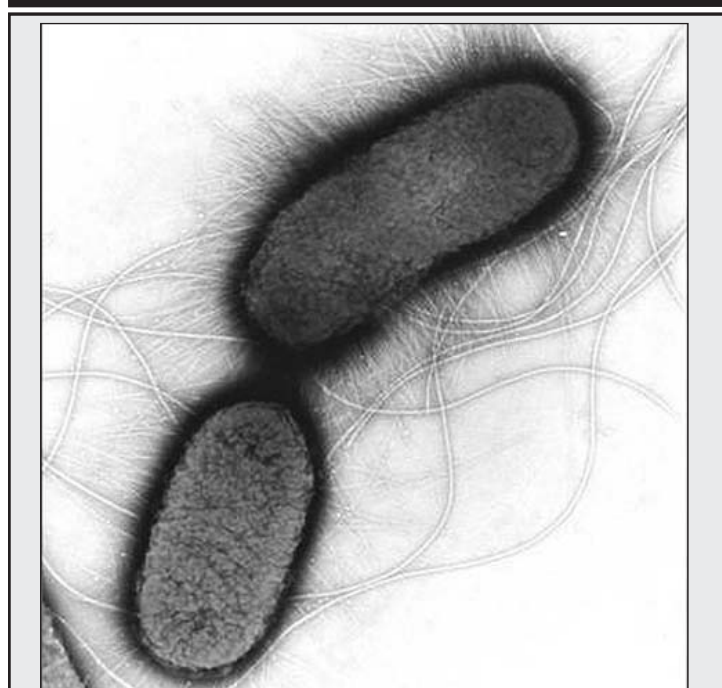
While a researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Altman "discovered neurogenesis in adult mammals in the 1960's, suggesting that these new neurons play a crucial role in the processes of memory and learning."

The Asturias foundation annually hands out eight awards, each worth 50,000

euros (\$70,000) in the fields of communication and humanities, scientific and technical research, social science, arts, letters, international co-operation, understanding and sport.

Named after Crown Prince Felipe, the awards are presented in the northern Spanish city of Oviedo, capital of the northern Asturias region, in a glittering ceremony broadcast live on Spanish television.

Last year's science prize went to David Julius and Linda Watkins from the United States and Baruch Minke from Israel for research into pain relief.



BERLIN, Germany : Handout picture released yesterday by the Robert-Koch-Institut (RKI) in Berlin shows the E. coli (EHEC) bacteria. Germany's consumer minister expressed deep concern at the outbreak of poisoning by dangerous bacteria believed to have killed three women and left hundreds ill. According to the Robert Koch Institute (RKI), Germany's national disease agency, more than 80 people have become seriously ill in the past two weeks after ingesting enterohaemorrhagic E. coli (EHEC).

AFP/PHOTO

Study Finds Aspirin Still Best at Preventing 2nd Stroke

-- A new drug that had shown promise in animal testing is not better than aspirin in preventing a second stroke in someone who's already had one, a new study has found.

In fact, researchers stopped the study early because the drug, terutroban, showed no extra benefit.

Previous research in animals had suggested that the drug was as effective as aspirin at preventing blood clots, and scientists had wondered whether it might have other positive effects on the human cardiovascular system.

The new study, by Dr. Marie-Germaine Bousser, of the Lariboisiere Hospital in Paris and her colleagues, compared the drug to aspirin in people who'd had an ischemic stroke, the type of stroke caused

by a blocked artery. Of the more than 19,000 participants, roughly half were assigned to take terutroban, and the others took aspirin.

When tracked, on average, for the next 28 months, people who took terutroban fared no better than those on aspirin, the study found.

"In a worldwide perspective, aspirin remains the gold standard antiplatelet drug for secondary stroke prevention, in view of its efficacy, tolerance and cost," the researchers wrote.

But in a commentary, researchers from Chang Gung University College of Medicine in Taiwan and the University of California, San Diego, wrote that there's still more to learn about whether terutroban could help people who have had a second stroke while on aspirin.

What are the best foods for healthy skin?

Research on the best foods for healthy skin is limited. Still, antioxidant-rich foods seem to have a protective effect for the skin. Consider these skin-friendly foods:

- Carrots, apricots and other yellow and orange fruits and vegetables
- Blueberries
- Spinach and other green leafy vegetables
- Tomatoes
- Beans, peas and lentils
- Fish, especially salmon
- Nuts



Remember, many of the best foods for healthy skin also promote good health overall. Rather than focusing on specific foods for healthy skin, concentrate on a healthy diet in general. Drink plenty of water. Eat more fruits and vegetables. Trade red meat for fish. Choose low-fat or fat-free dairy products. Include nuts, seeds and beans in your favorite meals. Opt for whole-grain breads and pasta. Limit sweets. Strive for variety as you're making healthy choices.



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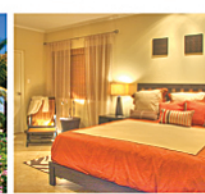
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The making of Anne Frank statue is a true labor of love

As was previously announced by Fundacion RESPECTA BIDA...semper corda, which translated from Papiamentu to the RESPECT LIFE...always remember Foundation, Aruba will soon have its very own statue to commemorate the life of Anne Frank, in the heart of the Wilhelmina Park.

As its first major project, the foundation commissioned Dutch artist Joep Coppens,

who specializes in bronze works, to create the Anne Frank statue. The foundation chose Anne Frank as a commemorative symbol to always remember that a holocaust can happen again, if a community does not know how to co-exist peacefully.

The statue was made in Vlierden, a small town in the Netherlands, where the artist has his studio. The making of the statue took several months, as it consisted of seven main steps. The process used by Coppens to make bronze

sculptures and statues today is the same one that was used in ancient times. Coppens worked off a smaller model, which shows Anne Frank barefoot and standing tall, with her hands bound and her head leaning back, looking towards the sky. He first had to make a positive statue, from which he could make negative molds of the head, torso and various ligaments. From these molds he was able to make hollow wax replicas, which were then covered in several layers of a ceramic shell and baked. Once ready, molten bronze heated to 2200 degrees was poured into the shells and al-

lowed to cool. When the individual bronze pieces were ready, they were welded together to form the statue of Anne Frank.

The statue will be unveiled at sunset on June 12th, the anniversary of Anne Frank's birthday. Coppens will be on hand to help with the unveiling. The entire community is also invited to come and participate in the ceremony.

RESPECT LIFE... always remember was founded to safeguard the rights of every member of society in Aruba, promote tolerance, solidarity, freedom and equality of every co-citizen, and fight specifically against practices of: racism, anti-semitism and xenophobia, which can rear their heads at any time.

The first board of directors of the foundation consists of: Mrs. Diana Gonzalez-Pieters as president and Mr. Jose Fernandes Perna, vice-president; Mrs. Martha Goldenberg-Lichtenstein as secretary and Mr. Frank

Williams, second secretary, Mrs. Shereen de Cuba as treasurer.

Photos show the process behind the creation of the Anne Frank statue.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 25TH

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Featuring DJ "General Lee"

THURSDAY, MAY 26TH

LIVE RADIO REMOTE BROADCASTS
WHUR: MIDDAY W/ TRISCINA GREY
10am - 2pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT*

BEACH PARTY
10am - 3pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
*NBA Viewing Parties at Buster's Sports Bar & Grill (Palm Beach)

NIGHTCLUB PARTIES

11pm - 3am
Hardrock Café (Palm Beach)
Featuring DJ "General Lee"

FRIDAY, MAY 27TH

MAIN SOURCE FITNESS BOOTCAMP

9am - 10am
Westin Hotel Poolside (Palm Beach)

LIVE RADIO REMOTE BROADCASTS

WHUR: MIDDAY W/ TRISCINA GREY
10am - 2pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
DOUG & DEDE SHOW
3pm - 7pm
Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino (Oranjestad)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT*

BEACH PARTY
10am - 3pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
CASINO HAPPY HOUR
4:30pm - 6:30pm
Renaissance Aruba Resort, Crystal Casino (Oranjestad)
*NBA Viewing Parties at Buster's Sports Bar & Grill (Palm Beach)

COMEDY CONCERT

7pm - 11pm
Entertainment Center (Oranjestad)

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DAVID ARNOLD

NIGHTCLUB PARTIES

11pm - 3am
Nikky Beach Club (Oranjestad)
Featuring DJ "Bobby Love"

SATURDAY, MAY 28TH

MAIN SOURCE FITNESS BOOTCAMP

9am - 10am
Westin Hotel Poolside (Palm Beach)

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT*

BEACH PARTY
10am - 3pm
MooMba Beach (Palm Beach)
*NBA Viewing Parties at Buster's Sports Bar & Grill (Palm Beach)

MAIN STAGE CONCERT

7pm - 11pm
Joe Laveist Stadium (San Nicholas)
Hosted by: MARK CURRY
HEADS OF STATE (Bobby Brown, Ralph Tresvant & Johnny Gill)
CHRISSETTE MICHELE
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NIGHTCLUB PARTIES

11pm - 3am
Nikky Beach Club (Oranjestad)
Featuring DJ "Frank Ski"

SUNDAY, MAY 29TH

SOUL BEACH DAYTIME EVENT*

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NIGHTCLUB PARTIES

11pm - 3am
Nikky Beach Club (Oranjestad)
Featuring DJ "Frank Ski"



KIA Sportage 2011 conquers all international awards

Wins '2011 Vehicle Satisfaction Award' as AutoPacific Compact Crossover SUV



KIA continues with its conquest of the international arena by already winning 13 awards less than midway through 2011, among them, Road and Travel magazine's 'Truck of the Year,' the Golden Klaxon Award from Klaxon Magazine, Kiplinger Best New Model, Consumer Reports Comparison Test winner, and 2011 NWAPA Northwest Affordable SUV of the Year.

AutoPacific is a company oriented towards the automotive market and product consultancy. It publishes a wide variety of automotive research; it also conducts surveys for manufacturing and distributing companies around the world.

The 2011 Kia Sportage received the '2011 Vehicle Satisfaction Award', an industrial benchmark used to measure clients' satisfaction; research summarized results from more than 68,000 consumers who bought a new car. The new vehicle nominated by consumers for this award must

be one that gives its owner great value and satisfaction over a wide range of features and attributes.

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This year AutoPacific's Vehicle Satisfaction Award will help prospective car buyers select among the 262 different passenger vehicles and truck that are available in the U.S. alone. "Such a decision is like putting money in the bank," says Mr. Peterson of AutoPacific.

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N.Z. truckie 'blew up like balloon' in freak accident

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AFP) – A New Zealand truck driver who inflated "like a balloon" when he fell buttocks-first onto a compressed air nozzle was described as lucky to be alive Wednesday.

Steven McCormack was working on his truck when he slipped between the cab and

the trailer, dislodging the compressed air hose that feeds the brakes. The brass fitting that the hose had been attached to pierced McCormack's left buttock in the fall, sending compressed air rushing into his body.

Workmates rushed to McCormack's aid, turning off the

compressed air and packing ice around his swollen neck.

Ambulance officers removed the brass nozzle from his buttock and rushed him to a hospital, where a surgeon treated the injury and drained one of his lungs, which had filled with fluid during the ordeal.

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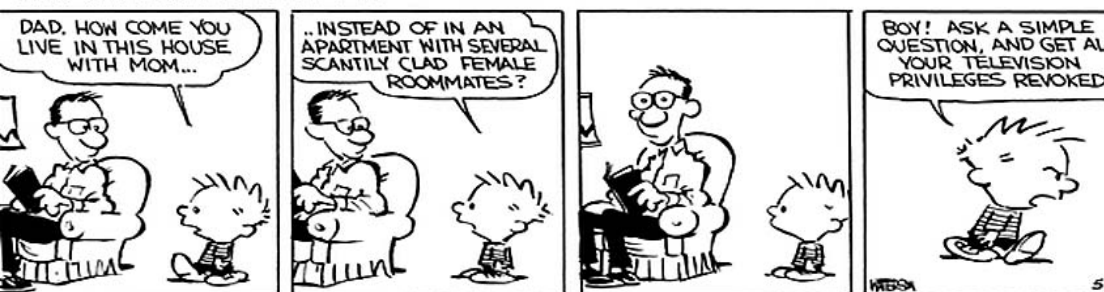
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5. Prohibit
8. Actress Watson
12. Transaction
13. Airline schedule abbr.
14. Reclined
15. Baleful
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21. Shade of blue
24. Exploded
27. Sale condition

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28. Hole
29. Before, poetically
31. Nile viper
32. Lahr and Parks
34. Actress Dolores Rio
35. One of the Three Stooges
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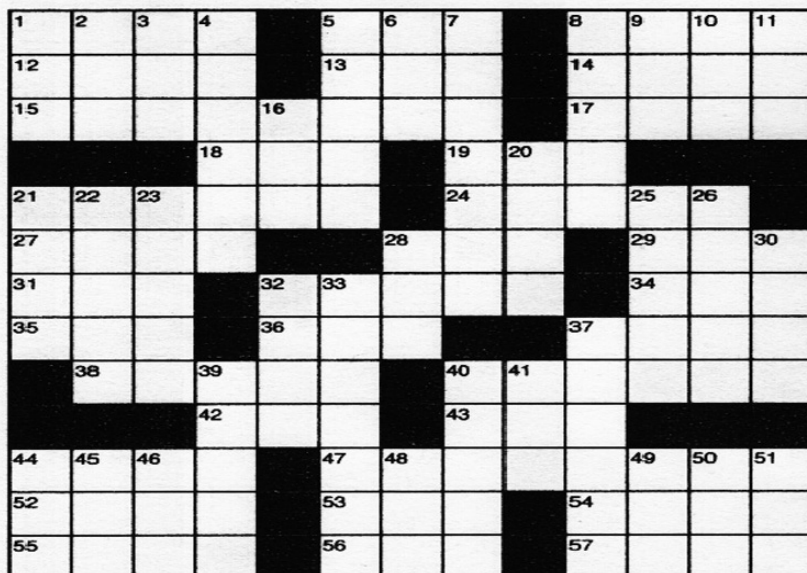
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56. Fourth-year students (abbr.)
57. Funnyman Foxx

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3. Actor Aykroyd
4. Legal excuses
5. Singer Midler
6. Had a snack
7. Welsh

8. Senior

9. ___ tai
10. More than a sec.
11. Question's opposite (abbr.)
16. ___ Andreas fault
20. Bonkers
21. Polite form of address
22. Organization (abbr.)
23. More mature
25. Passover celebration
26. Orchard growths
28. Before (prefix)
30. Ultimatum word
32. Hitler's destination
33. Pays out
37. Vocation
39. Loafed about
40. Utter disorder
41. Above, anthem-style
44. Omaha's state (abbr.)
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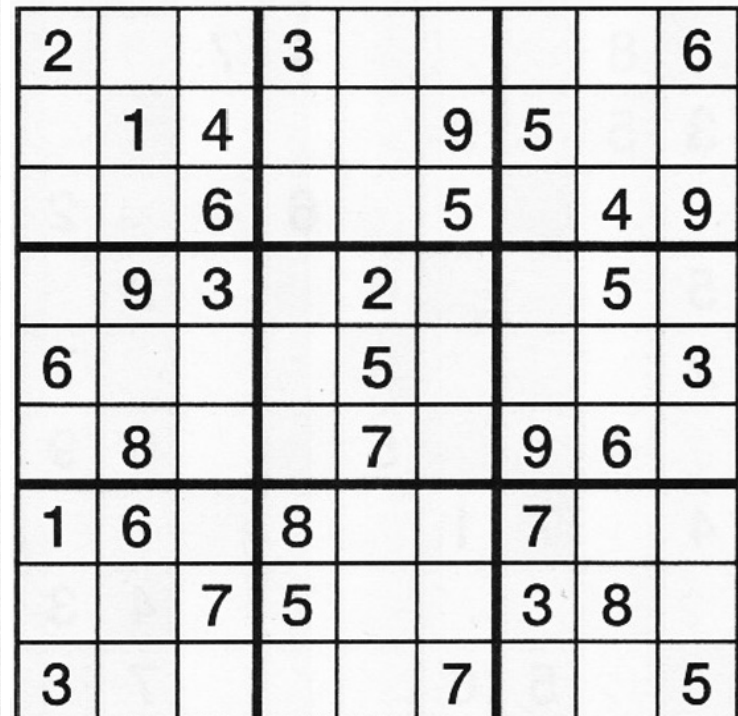
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Finance

Oil prices rally in late trade

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices pushed higher Wednesday for the second straight day, topping the \$101 level helped by forecasts of sharply rising prices from two US investment banks.

On the New York's Nymex futures exchange, the benchmark contract for West Texas Intermediate crude for July

delivery closed at \$101.73 a barrel, \$1.73 higher than Tuesday.

In London Brent North Sea crude for July jumped \$2.40 to settle at \$114.93 a barrel, after falling slightly in early deals.

The rally came a day after Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley raised their 2012 fore-

casts for the Brent price to \$130 a barrel.

The price rises came despite a surprising 600,000-barrel increase in US crude oil stockpiles in the week to May 20, confounding analyst expectations of a fall.

Last week also saw US gasoline inventories jump by a huge 3.8 million barrels in contrast to predictions of a drop.

Gasoline figures are being closely watched ahead of the peak-demand driving season in the United States starting next week, when many Americans begin hitting the road for their summer holidays.

Some analysts think higher prices have forced consumers to cut their fuel use.

Natixis analyst Nic Brown pointed out that it was the fourth week in a row of weak US demand for oil products -- with demand off four percent from a year earlier.

"Volatility remains high and sentiment is constantly shifting," said Michael Fitzpatrick of the Kilduff Report.

EU raises 4.75 billion euros for Portugal



Lisboa, Portugal

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - The European Union raised 4.75 billion euros (\$6.7 billion) for Portugal on Wednesday in a new bond issue, as part of a 78-billion-euro bailout for Lisbon.

The funds will be delivered to Portugal on June 1, the European Commission said, the day after a first bond issue raised 1.75 billion euros for Lisbon and another 3.0 billion euros for Ireland, another bailed out eurozone nation.

The loans, coupled with IMF aid, will "provide a comfortable liquidity situation in those member states in line with the country programme objectives," the EU's executive

arm said in a statement.

Ireland and Portugal have committed to cutting their public deficits in exchange for huge bailouts they were granted after they were sucked into a relentless debt crisis that has rocked the eurozone for the past year.

The 27-nation EU and the 17-state eurozone bloc said last week that they would raise 15.3 billion euros for the two nations by July 15 with a series of bond issues through financial rescue mechanisms.

The European Commission is raising funds on behalf of EU states, which are backing one-third of the 67.5 billion euro Irish rescue that was agreed in December, and the Portuguese bailout that was approved this month.

Eurozone states are providing another third through the European Financial Stability Facility, which was created last year to prop up economies in trouble after a huge bailout for Greece. The IMF provides the remaining funds.

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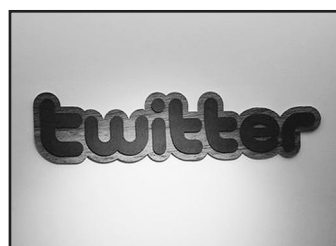
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Twitter buys TweetDeck, and vows continued investment



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Twitter announced Wednesday that it had bought TweetDeck and pledged to continue to invest in the popular application for using the micro-blogging service.

"We're pleased to announce that the TweetDeck team has joined Twitter," Twitter chief executive Dick Costolo said in a blog post.

San Francisco-based Twitter did not disclose the financial details of the acquisition, but various reports in technology blogs have put the purchase price for the London-based TweetDeck at around \$40 million.

"TweetDeck is a great example of a third-party developer that designed tools for

the incredibly important audience of Twitter power-users and, in turn, created value for the network as a whole," Costolo said.

"This acquisition is an important step forward for us," he said. "TweetDeck provides brands, publishers, marketers and others with a powerful platform to track all the real-time conversations they care about."

"In order to support this important constituency, we will continue to invest in the TweetDeck that users know and love," Costolo said.

TweetDeck, which was founded in 2008 by Iain Dodsworth, is a favorite of heavy users of Twitter, allowing them to view "tweets" in various different ways and to organize their messages into columns -- features which are not offered on Twitter's own website.

Dodsworth, in a blog post, said his 15-member team will continue to work out of London.

Shell chief holds Arctic talks in Russia

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia's energy czar Igor Sechin met Wednesday with Shell chief executive Peter Voser as the Anglo-Dutch firm tried to muscle in on an Arctic oil development project that was held until this month by BP.

The Russian government website said the meeting focused on Shell's current projects off Sakhalin Island in the far east and the potential development of northern oil fields held by state-held oil giant Rosneft.

Rosneft last week broke off a \$16 billion (11.5 billion euros) share swap agreement with BP that included a joint Arctic development project involving the British firm's Russian joint venture.

But Rosneft refused to work with the half-Russian firm and both companies

failed in their bid to buy out BP's local partners.

Rosneft has since said it was ready to work with BP again but also admitted examining other Arctic exploration offers.

The government said the meeting included Rosneft President Eduard Khudainatov and also Russia's deputy energy ministry.

But Sechin's attendance was key because the powerful minister and close ally of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin was also instrumental in orchestrating the BP accord.

Sechin served as Rosneft's chairman until this year and some economists said he viewed the BP agreement as a crowning achievement that would finally see Russia fulfill its global oil potential.

But Sechin said last week

he did not view the deal's collapse as a personal setback and was now willing to take a few weeks to examine the government's options.

BP's role in those is uncertain despite the British firm's standing offer to seek some sort of compromise.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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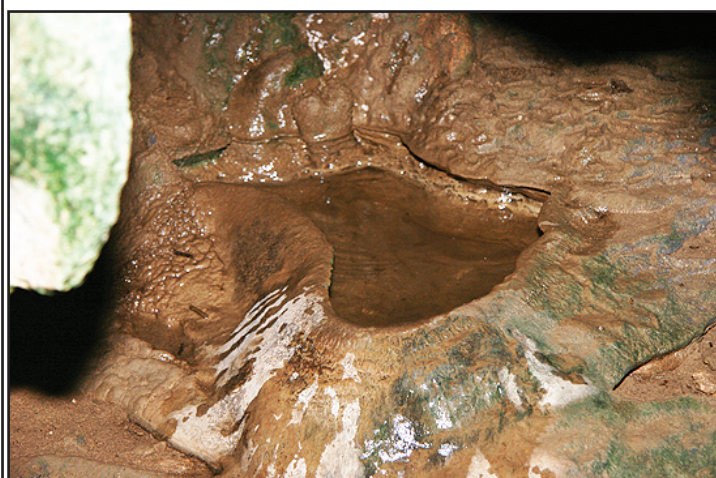
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A must see while on Aruba!

The "Fontein Caves"



the water, birds in the trees in complete serenity. The "Fontein" Cave was made by the power of the sea, a little bit strange when you see the sea 300 meters away from the cave. But Aruba has changed and is still changing, just like the whole world does.

The "Fontein" Cave is formed by coral, limestone and minerals. When visiting the cave you will think it is just formed by rocks, but once inside one can see how special it is as it changes all the time. In the cave there are a lot of bats, the long nose and long tongue bat.

In the "Fontein" Cave Indian drawings were found, only at the beginning of the cave, meaning they used the cave only for protection against the weather. The drawings are probably made with iron oxide (extracted from coral) and from juice of the Brazilian tree. The rangers of Arikok National Park are protecting the drawings really good, because some of them have been completely damaged by the sea wind and humans. The cave is in a nature area, full of Aruba's flora and fauna. Sometimes the rangers catch snakes and they put them for a few days in a terrarium so tourists can see what lives on Aruba. You can visit the cave everyday from 9:30 a.m. till 4:15 p.m. And for the real cave freak, together with a ranger you can walk up to 250 meters into the cave.

"Fontein" Cave is one of Aruba natural wonders and is well worth a visit. Don't forget your camera!

Around the world, tourists do a lot of site-seeing. That's the way they learn about other cultures and their histories. Aruba offers a great sanctuary to lay in the sun and get a tan, but there is much more to this small island.

One of the island's treasures are the "Fontein" caves located in Aruba's National Park, Parke Arikok.

Aruba has a lot of caves, some are small others very big, some are under the sea others above the sea, in some of them Indian drawings were found while in others only a few fos-

sils. Every cave has its own distinct uniqueness which sets it apart. The "Fontein" Cave (fountain cave) got this name because there is a spring water source in the cave. Years ago when there was no tap water the Aruban community got water out of the "Fontein" Cave. For safety they first boiled the water just to be sure the bacteria were killed. The area around the cave is very green because of the water as it is not only found inside the cave but also outside. It's nice to walk in the surrounding area where one can see the fishes in



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After 25 years, TV megastar Oprah cedes stage



CHICAGO (AFP) — Talk show queen Oprah Winfrey bade farewell to her trailblazing television program Wednesday, ending 25 years of intimate star confessions and telling loyal fans they had been the love of her life.

In a program taped one day earlier at Oprah's Harpo Studios in Chicago, Winfrey took to the stage and, in what had become almost a mantra over a quarter-century, urged her audience to follow their dreams.

"Each one of you has your own platform," Winfrey said in the show being broadcast across millions of US homes. "Yours is wherever you are. That is your platform, your

circle of influence, your talk show."

She said if she had one regret it was that she had not been able to focus more attention on the issue of the sexual abuse of children.

"People ask if I have regrets," she said. "I have none really about the show, but the one thing I feel I was not able to bring attention to even though I tried in 217 shows was the sexual molestation and rape of children. Worse now with the Internet than when I first spoke of it in November 1986."

Breaking down many taboos, Winfrey has herself talked openly about being abused as a child, after being

born into a life of poverty in Mississippi.

There was a single chair onstage, but the daytime-TV doyenne, credited with encouraging Americans to openly discuss their deepest hopes and fears, stood alone and center-stage for most of the hour-long broadcast.

In a program featuring a collage of past highlights, Winfrey occasionally poked fun at her long-gone outfits and accessories. But most of her remarks focused on what she called her "journey."

"I listened and grew," she said. "I always wanted to be a teacher and this is the world's biggest classroom."

"I hope what you will take from this show is to live from the heart of yourself," she said, as her longtime partner Stedman Graham watched from the audience accompanied by her fourth-grade teacher Mrs Duncan.

"You have to make a living, I understand that, but you also have to understand what sparks the life of you. So you in your own way can illuminate the world."

Winfrey, 57, is one of a select group of celebrities

crowned an entertainment deity in the United States.

She made the transition from local television show host to national syndication in 1986 as the antithesis of what a TV talk show host was supposed to look like.

An overweight, emotive African-American woman, rather than the usual hard-driving, white male television host, she seemed an unlikely candidate for US superstardom.

But her unusual blend of self-help and celebrity confessions became wildly popular with middle America, and Winfrey ultimately became one of the most successful celebrities in US and global entertainment.

As the show drew to a close, Winfrey became emotional, a few tears escaping as she looked back on what she would call her "life's journey."

"I am truly amazed that I who started out in rural Mississippi in 1954 when the vi-



the Queen of TV talk shows bid her final farewell to her audience

sion for a black girl was limited to being either a maid or a teacher in a segregated school could end up here," she said.

And she hailed what she called "the genuine kindness, affection, trust and validation from millions of you all over the world. From you whose names I will never know I learned what love is. You and this show have been the great love of my life."

Djokovic, Del Potro set up French Open duel



Serbia's Novak Djokovic serves

PARIS, France (AFP) — Novak Djokovic took his winning streak to 41 matches and set up a blockbuster French Open third-round clash with giant Argentine dangerman Juan Martin del Potro on Wednesday.

Second seed Djokovic, who is tipped to relieve five-time champion Rafael Nadal of his Roland Garros title and top ranking, was leading Victor Hanesescu 6-4, 6-1, 2-3 when the Romanian quit their second-round tie with a leg injury.

"Juan Martin's a great guy. We have a really friendly relationship off the court, and we'll still stay friends. But we're both professional. We want to win on the court," said Djokovic.

The Australian Open champion, who has also won all four Masters titles in 2011, now stands five wins away from equalling Guillermo Vilas's record for a winning streak.

He is also only three away from John McEnroe's 1984 record for an undefeated start to a season.

Argentine 25th seed Del Potro, the former US Open champion and a 2009 semi-finalist in Paris, made the last 32 with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 win over Slovenia's Blaz Kavcic.

Del Potro missed last year's Roland Garros to recover from wrist surgery and was almost forced out of this edition because of a hip injury.

The former world number four's ranking slipped to 485 during his time off tour, but he has been in fine form in 2011, winning tournaments at Delray Beach and Estoril.

Roger Federer, for one, was looking forward to the Djokovic-Del Potro clash, even if the Serb has won all of their three previous meetings without dropping a set.

"If Juan Martin hadn't

been injured with his wrist, maybe he would have won the French Open last year," said Federer.

Third-seeded Federer won 13 games in succession as the 16-time Grand Slam title-winner easily disposed of French wild card Maxime

Teixeira 6-3, 6-0, 6-2 in his second-round tie.

The 2009 champion will next face Serbian 29th seed Janko Tipsarevic, who beat Spain's Pere Riba.

The Swiss great overcame an early break before breezing through in just 84 minutes, leaving Teixeira, playing in his first Grand Slam event, looking every inch the world 181.

Next up is Tipsarevic, the colourful Serb who stretched Federer to five sets in the 2008 Australian Open third round.

Also going through to the last 32 were Spanish seventh seed David Ferrer, French ninth seed Gael Monfils, Mikhail Youzhny, the Russian number 12 seed and French 13th seed Richard Gasquet.

Wozniacki, Schiavone progress despite fickle French Open fans



Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki serves

PARIS (AFP) — Top seed Caroline Wozniacki and defending champion Francesca Schiavone ignored the fickle favours of the French Open crowd to reach the third round on Wednesday.

Wozniacki felt the wrath of the Roland Garros fans after disputing a line call in her 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) defeat of Aleksandra Wozniak, while Schiavone's 6-1, 6-2 win over Vesna Dolonts unfolded at a half-empty Court Philippe Chatrier.

Wozniacki, bidding to win a first ever Grand Slam, meets 28th seed Daniela Hantuchova in the last 32, with Schiavone — the first ever Italian woman to win a major — set to face Chinese 29th seed Peng Shuai.

Wozniacki, the 20-year-old world number one, took exception to the decision and a stand-off with the umpire ensued, prompting jeers to ring out around the Court Philippe Chatrier arena.

The delay appeared to unsettle Canadian qualifier Wozniak, however, and when play resumed she conceded the next five points in succession to hand Wozniacki a place in round three.

Russian third seed Vera Zvonareva came within a whisker of succumbing to the biggest upset of the tournament to date before eventually prevailing 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 against injury-stricken German qualifier Sabine Lisicki.

Australian eighth seed Samatha Stosur, beaten by Schiavone in last year's final, crushed Romanian 19-year-old Simona Halep 6-0, 6-2 in her second-round match.

There were also victories for Serbian former world number one Jelena Jankovic, France's Marion Bartoli and 2009 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia, the 10th, 11th and 13th seeds respectively.



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Real Madrid dismiss Valdano



Valdano an Argentine former football player and the former General Manager of Real Madrid CF.

MADRID, Spain (AFP) — Real Madrid president Florentino Perez said Wednesday that the Spanish club was terminating the position of director general occupied by Jorge Valdano to give coach Jose Mourinho more autonomy.

"I want to stress how painful the departure of Jorge Valdano is to me. We have traveled a long distance together," he told a press conference.

Valdano has had a rocky relationship with Mourinho but Perez dismissed media reports that the Portuguese coach had demanded the former Argentine international be dismissed as a condition for his staying on at the club.

"Mourinho did not make any demands. He asked for more autonomy in line with

how English clubs are organised," Perez said.

Valdano reportedly opposed the appointment of Mourinho in May 2010 but was overruled by Perez, who believed the Portuguese coach had what it takes to end Barcelona's domination.

He had a long record of criticising Mourinho's style of football in his newspaper columns and television, even long before the Portuguese manager took the reins at the Bernabeu.

In 2008 Valdano wrote that "Mourinho has a flitting charisma that doesn't really know what it represents."

In January Valdano angered Mourinho by appearing to question the coach's decision to leave French striker Karim Benzema on the bench during Real's 1-1 draw at Almeria.

When asked about Valdano's comments, Mourinho shot back: "I pick the team and if I need any help then I have my coaching staff."

Sports daily El Mundo Deportivo reported earlier this month that Valdano, 55, wanted to leave Real because he found working with Mourinho, 48, difficult and has been frustrated by his lack of access to the first team.

Real would have to pay the Argentine 5.1 million euros in severance pay for the termination of the remaining two years of his contract, it added.



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TAMPA	26	23	.531	1.5
TORONTO	24	25	.490	3.5
BALTIMORE	22	24	.478	4.0

Central

CLEVELAND	30	17	.638	--
DETROIT	25	23	.521	5.5
KANSAS CITY	22	25	.468	8.0
CHICAGO	23	27	.460	8.5
MINNESOTA	16	32	.333	14.5

West

TEXAS	25	24	.510	--
LA ANGELES	25	25	.500	0.5
SEATTLE	24	25	.490	1.0
OAKLAND	23	26	.469	2.0

National League

East

PHILADELPHIA	29	19	.604	--
FLORIDA	27	19	.587	1.0
ATLANTA	28	23	.549	2.5
NY METS	22	25	.468	6.5
WASHINGTON	21	28	.429	8.5

Central

ST. LOUIS	30	20	.600	--
MILWAUKEE	27	23	.540	3.0
CINCINNATI	26	23	.531	3.5
PITTSBURG	22	26	.458	7.0
CHICAGO	21	25	.457	7.0
HOUSTON	18	31	.367	11.5

West

SAN FRANCISCO	27	20	.574	--
COLORADO	24	23	.511	3.0
ARIZONA	24	24	.500	3.5
LA DODGERS	22	28	.440	6.5
SAN DIEGO	19	30	.388	9.0

Canucks beat San Jose to reach NHL finals

VANCOUVER (AFP) — The Vancouver Canucks beat San Jose 3-2 in double overtime to reach the Stanley Cup finals exactly 17 years to the day since their last trip to the National Hockey League championship.

Kevin Bieksa scored 10:18 into the second overtime to give the Canucks a 4-1 series win in the National Hockey League semi-finals series.

"It is tough to describe in words. Unbelievable," said Canucks Swedish forward Henrik Sedin. "What a feeling."

Bieksa benefitted from a lucky bounce in the San Jose zone that confused the Sharks defence and gave the Canucks defenceman a wide open shot on goal from just inside the blueline.

"I think when the puck went in, the goalie was looking behind the net," Bieksa said. "It was an ugly goal, but one I will take."

The Canucks forced overtime in the final seconds of regulation when forward Ryan Kesler scored after the Vancouver coach pulled goaltender Roberto Luongo, of Canada, for an extra attacker.

Luongo finished with a whopping 53 saves.

"I saw puck bouncing but I didn't see it go it," Luongo said. "I saw light go on. Unbelievable."

American Kesler sent the game into overtime by deflecting a Henrik Sedin shot past Sharks goalie Antti Niemi of Finland with 13 seconds left in the third period.

The Sharks argued to no avail that icing should have been called moments earlier and replays appeared to back up their claim.



Canucks celebrate

This marks the Canucks' first trip to the Stanley Cup finals since 1994 when they lost in seven games to the New York Rangers.

That time they earned a spot in the finals when Greg Adams scored in double overtime of game five against Toronto.

"Seventeen years ago today they (Canucks) won to beat the Leafs to go to the final so it was nice to do it today," Luongo said.

The Canucks will carry the hopes of the entire hockey-mad nation of Canada. The last Canadian team to win the NHL championship was the Montreal Canadiens in 1993.

Vancouver is seeking its first Stanley Cup title in its 40 year history. They will play the winner of the other semi-final between the Boston Bruins and the Tampa Bay Lightning.

The Canucks, who finished with the best record in

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Miami shines in OT to put Bulls on the brink



MIAMI, Florida (AFP) — Miami are one win away from their second trip to the NBA finals in five years as LeBron James led the way with 35 points and the Heat topped Chicago 101-93 in overtime for a 3-1 series lead.

Chris Bosh added 22 points Tuesday and Miami put the Bulls on the brink of elimination in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference final series.

"It is a great team win and great defence by us," James

said. "Even though it took an extra five minutes we still held serve."

Dwyane Wade scored six of his 14 points in the final couple of minutes for the Heat who have won three straight games.

The series now switches to Chicago for game five tonight.

"It always stings. It always stings to lose," said Bulls Joakim Noah. "This was a tough fight tonight and this is a tough loss right now."

"We know we are a tough

team at home and nobody here wants this to end. We will be ready to fight."

The Bulls were led by Derrick Rose with 23 points. Luol Deng and Carlos Boozer each scored 20 points for Chicago, who lost three consecutive games for the first time this season.

The win extends Miami's home win streak in the post-season to eight games. They have also won a franchise record nine post-season games dating back to last season.

FIFA election race in uproar over corruption claim

LONDON (AFP) — The race for control of world football's governing body was in uproar on Wednesday after FIFA presidential challenger Mohamed Bin Hammam was accused of corruption.

A FIFA statement said Bin Hammam and three other officials including vice-president Jack Warner had been ordered to appear before an ethics committee on Sunday to respond to fresh allegations of graft.

News of the charges -- made by fellow executive committee member Chuck Blazer -- came exactly one week before Bin Hammam was due to take on FIFA President Sepp Blatter at elections in Zurich.

Bin Hammam swiftly dismissed the accusations as a politically motivated tactic by his election rival Blatter, who is bidding to secure a fourth term as the most powerful man in football at next week's vote.

The FIFA charges relate to a recent meeting in Trinidad attended by Bin Hammam, CONCACAF President Warner and officials from the Caribbean Football Union (CFU), including Debbie Minguell and Jason



Sylvester.

All four have been ordered to appear before FIFA's ethics committee on May 29, just three days before the presidential vote.

Asian Football Confederation chief Bin Hammam insisted, however, the allegations were without foundation.

"Here I completely deny any allegations of wrongdoing either intentionally or unknowingly while I was in the Caribbean," he said.

"... if there is even the slightest justice in the world, these allegations will vanish in the wind."

"I am confident that there is no charge to answer and that I will be free to stand in the FIFA Presidential election on June 1 as originally planned."

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